

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the exchange of personal information in a step-by-step fashion in non-trusted peer-to-peer environments, ~~characterized in that~~ the method comprising:

segmenting the information is segmented into several independent sections; and
[[,]] ~~which are mutually exchanged~~ exchanging the independent sections step by step between at least two partners using communication devices ~~partners~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the information is converted into a graphics display before segmentation and transmission.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the segmentation and the exchange of information take place in such a way that each information unit provides for itself an information contribution recognizable to the user.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the graphics display of the information is divided into rows and columns, so that a matrix of nxm-fields is formed.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grid of the matrix is agreed upon by the ~~communication~~ partners before segmentation of the information.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grid of the matrix is standardized.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

each information fragment has its position in the matrix attached to it.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the information exchange can be aborted by either partner at any time.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ always wherein the information sections not yet transmitted can always be transmitted in one step at any time.